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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended and claims 4-6 are cancelled so as more clearly to define applicant's invention in view of the art cited by the examiner. Reconsideration of applicant's invention as defined in claims 1-3 is requested.

By the office action of August 5, 2005, the examiner rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cobble in view of de Pasquale Amicarelli et al and further in view of Clark. Applicant's amended claim 1 specifically defines the strap feature and includes a weight disposed between two layers of material at the free end of the rear panel. The weight, which is clearly shown in Fig 7 of the drawings, is critical to applicant's invention because there is a tendency for the feeding veil to slip forward when a user's finger is inserted into either loop 20 or 21. The weight at the free end of the rear panel acts to maintain the veil in the proper position while the mother is breast feeding an infant. For these reasons, claim 1 is believed allowable.

Dependent claims 2 and 3 are believed allowable because they define further specific features of applicant's invention.

From the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration in the allowance of claims 1-3 are requested.

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